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SUBJECT: GUINEAN PROPOSAL TO SEND PRIME MINISTER TO
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1. YOU SHOULD REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI'S PROPOSAL
OUTLINED REFTEL AS FOLLOWS.

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2. IF PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE WISHES TO SEND PRIME MINISTER
BEAVOGUI TO WASHINGTON AT THE HEAD OF A HIGH LEVEL DELE-
GATION ON SHORT NOTICE WE SHALL, OF COURSE, DO OUR BEST
TO RECEIVE THEM APPROPRIATELY ON THE DAYS THEY WISH TO
COME. HOWEVER, FOR TWO REASONS WE BELIEVE HASTE IS IN-
ADVISABLE. FIRST, HIGH LEVEL VISITS OF THIS KIND SHOULD

BE CAREFULLY PREPARED TO BE OF MAXIMUM USEFULNESS TO BOTH SIDES AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE RESULTS. AT THE VERY LEAST THE OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT AND THE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES IN ADVANCE. SECOND, WE NOTE THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO ATTEND THE OAU MINISTERIAL, WHICH OPENS IN LIBREVILLE JUNE 27. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES THAT LEAVES ONLY THE WEEK OF JUNE 20-24. WE EXPECT MOST OF THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION

BETWEEN THE GUINEAN MISSION AND THE USG WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE GUINEAN DELEGATION AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL'S LAST DAY IN THE LATTER POSITION WAS JUNE 10. MR. MOOSE, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO REPLACE HIM, WILL ONLY HAVE A HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE JUNE 14. HIS SUCCESSOR AS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED AND IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH TIME HE WILL HAVE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS PREPARED TO TAKE OVER. WE CAN OF COURSE ATTEMPT TO SET UP A COURTESY CALL ON THE SECRETARY OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY BUT CAN MAKE NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. ACTING AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR TALCOTT SEELYE, WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE GUINEAN DELEGATION NEXT WEEK, AND IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH OTHER OFFICIALS, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GUINEANS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A VISIT FOLLOWING THE OAU MINISTERIAL. NEVERTHELESS, IF THE GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER STILL WISHES TO COME TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE OAU

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MEETING, HE SHOULD SUGGEST SPECIFIC DATES SOONEST SO THAT WE MAY ASCERTAIN PRECISELY WHICH OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE GUINEAN OBJECTIVE IS (AS NOTED PARA ONE REFTEL) TO EXPLAIN THE GUINEAN POSITION ON BILATERAL, SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND GLOBAL ISSUES. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, HEAR THEIR VIEWS WITH INTEREST. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE BETTER PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THEIR POINTS IF WE COULD KNOW IN ADVANCE PRECISELY WHICH SUBJECTS THEY WISH TO RAISE. FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD HOPE FOR SOME INDICATION THAT THE GUINEANS ARE AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE CONTINUE TO REGARD THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AIRCRAFT TO CONAKRY, AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA AS ELSEWHERE. WE WELCOME BEAVOGUI'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS GRADUALLY TO RELEASE SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS. HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOTE THAT THE CASES OF DIALLO TELLI AND KARIM BANGOURA HAVE ATTRACTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN THE UNITED

STATES. YOU MAY INFORM THE GUINEANS WE APPRECIATE
BEAVOGUI'S OFFER OF A LIST OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS
RELEASED ON MAY 14 AND WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE SHORT SUMMARY
OF CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND SUGGEST SPECIFIC
AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT WE WOULD MENTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
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